



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW2305

SEPTEMBER 5, 2005

### Maryland Farmers Need Rain

With 6.4 **days suitable for fieldwork**, Maryland farmers had excellent conditions for harvesting **corn silage**. Harvest is ahead of schedule at 46 percent complete compare to last week at 8 percent. **Corn dent** passed the halfway mark at 65 percent dented, 27 percent higher than last week. Farmers were pushing harvesting activity with anticipation of wet weather during hurricane season, however topsoil moisture is short.

Harvesting activities are approaching a close for some vegetables and melons. **Sweet corn, snap beans** and **cucumbers** are 90 percent, 94 percent and 89 percent complete respectively. **Cantaloupes** are 94 percent harvested, while **watermelon** harvest is 88 percent complete.

Although the recent dry weather has boosted harvesting activity, moisture is needed to maintain good conditions in hay fields and pastures. **Pasture** is rated 8 in excellent condition, 43 percent good, 37 percent fair, 10 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Apples	49	45	34	24
Cantaloupes	94	82	88	86
Cucumbers	89	88	77	79
Lima Beans (processed)	71	70	66	51
Peaches	91	84	93	92
Potatoes	82	78	87	94
Snap Beans	94	92	93	85
Sweet Corn	90	85	99	89
Tomatoes	79	73	80	79
Watermelons	88	75	87	83
Corn for Silage	46	8	42	32
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Corn Dent	65	38	83	65
Corn Mature	27	13	44	33
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	93	87	89	87
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup>	43	30	29	33
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	52	43	69	60

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	12	50	38	-
Topsoil (2004)	4	20	70	6
Five Year Average	4	17	67	12
Subsoil Moisture	11	36	53	-
Subsoil (2004)	2	8	87	3
Five Year Average	10	15	67	8

Beverly Clark  
Agricultural Statistician

Norman Bennett  
Director

Published by

### The Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service

50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(410) 841-5740 Fax (410) 841-5755

*a cooperative service of*

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, the National Agricultural Statistics Service,  
and the University of Maryland Extension System

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	33.41	5.29	88	58	76	4
Easton	0.24	31.52	0.88	88	59	76	3
Frederick	0.23	28.24	1.35	88	56	74	7
Frostburg	0.48	27.72	-5.69	79	51	67	4
Hagerstown	0.58	21.61	-4.93	86	56	74	4
Mechanicsville	0.00	29.46	-1.74	86	58	74	3
Patuxent River	0.00	29.91	0.80	87	66	77	6
Ocean City	0.02	31.24	-0.65	91	57	77	5
Salisbury	0.14	33.39	1.41	88	51	75	3
Sharpsburg	1.83	25.55	-1.34	89	52	73	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.20	2.66	90	63	79	4
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	1.32	35.25	4.80	88	59	76	4
Georgetown	0.02	30.25	-0.80	91	59	78	7
Wilmington	0.03	25.64	-2.58	89	56	76	4

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.